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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

A request for a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) in the above-noted application accompanies this filing. Preliminary to the examination of the continuation application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

57. (Twice amended) A method of enriching for and identifying nucleic acid sequence differences with respect to a reference sequence comprising:

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- a) fragmenting a nucleic acid sample from one or more individuals;
 - b) physically separating a subset of said nucleic acid fragments based on the size of the fragments;
 - c) operatively linking a fragment created in step (a) or said subset of step (b) with an oligonucleotide or a vector;

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